



POINT 2 WILDFIRE UPDATE

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George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests
Lee Ranger District*

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Fire Information: 540-984-4101
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June 28, 2012
8:00 a.m.

Current Status	Fire is located on national forest lands on Massanutten Mountain between Sherman Gap and Veach Gap.
Counties	Shenandoah and Warren Counties, VA
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 181 Acres
Containment	5 % Containment at this time.
Cause and Date Started	Fire cause is under investigation and was first detected Monday, June 25, 2012 at approx. 1330 hrs.
Cooperators	Virginia Department of Forestry and Warren County Fire and Rescue
Resources on the Fire	Firefighters: Lonesome Pine Type II Crew (21 people), South Carolina Type II Crew (22 people); 2 Squads (20 people); Helicopter Crew (3 people); Overhead & Support staff: 38 Other Resources: (1) Type 3 helicopter; (1) Type 2 helicopter; (1) VDOF Bull Dozer; (2) FS Bull Dozers; (2) FS Engines Total Personnel: 101
Restrictions and Closures	The Massanutten National Recreation Trail (#408) is closed from Shawl Gap to Veach Gap, Tuscarora Trail (#405.1) is closed from Shawl Gap To Panhandle Road (SR 613); and Sherman Gap Trail (#403) and Veach Gap Trail (#484) are closed.
Plans for Today	Firefighters will continue to construct and hold fire control lines and prepare for burnout operations. The helicopters will assist in line construction and maintenance by using water drops to slow down the fire spread. The public can expect to see more smoke today as firefighters conduct burnout operations to strengthen containment lines.
Fire weather	Temp: High 94, Low 69 ; Min RH: 30%; Tonight's RH 98% ; West winds 7-11 mph. Temperatures will rise into the low to mid 90s by early afternoon. Relative humidities are expected to decrease to around 30%. The fuel moisture will remain low due to little rainfall over the past few days. Winds will be lighter than in past days. Expect gusty winds along higher terrain. The combination of gusty winds and low relative humidities will enhance the threat for the spread of wildfires this afternoon and early evening.
Other Fire Information	#1 priority is public and firefighter safety. Please use caution with all campfires. Be aware that fireworks are prohibited on national forest lands. Homeowners are encouraged to visit www.firewise.org for information on how to make their homes more defensible from wildfires.